

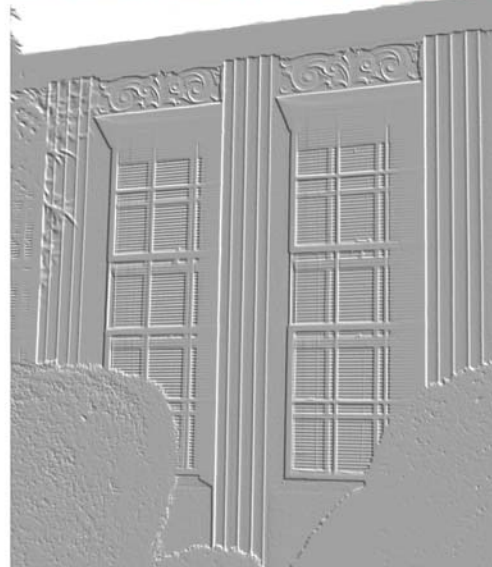
# Mesa's Missing Architecture

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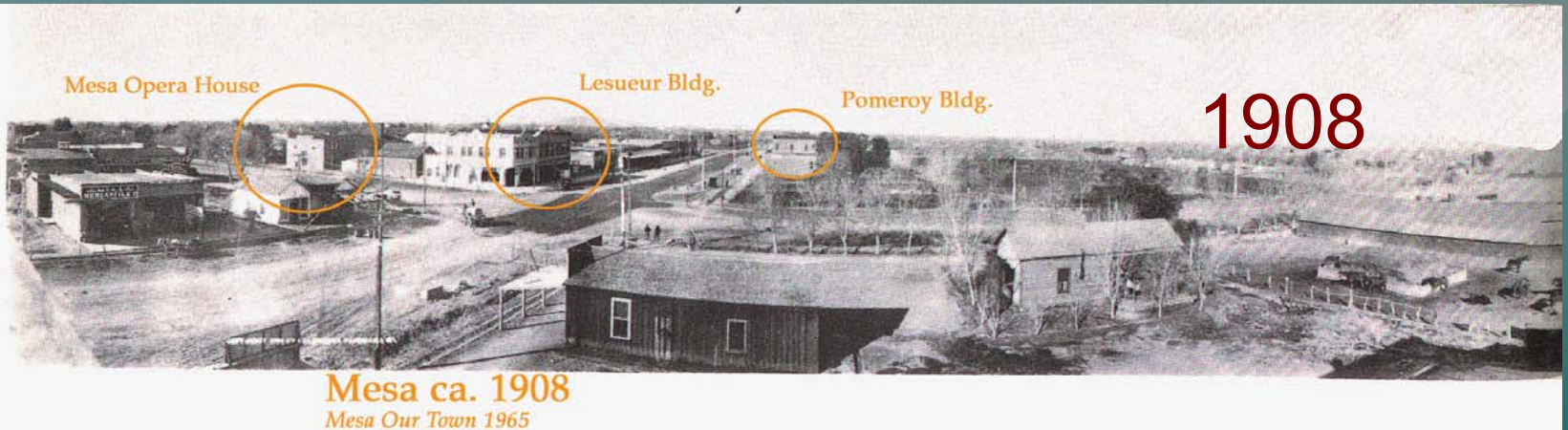
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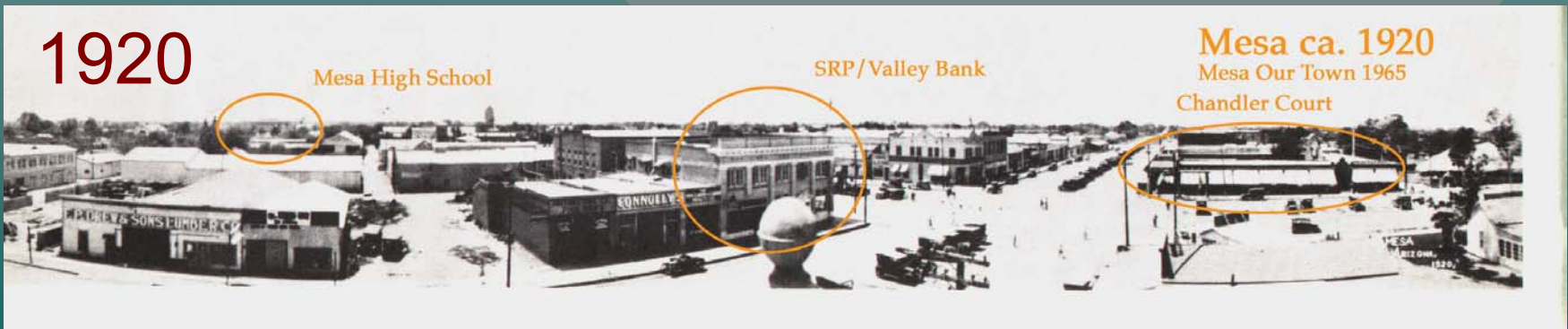


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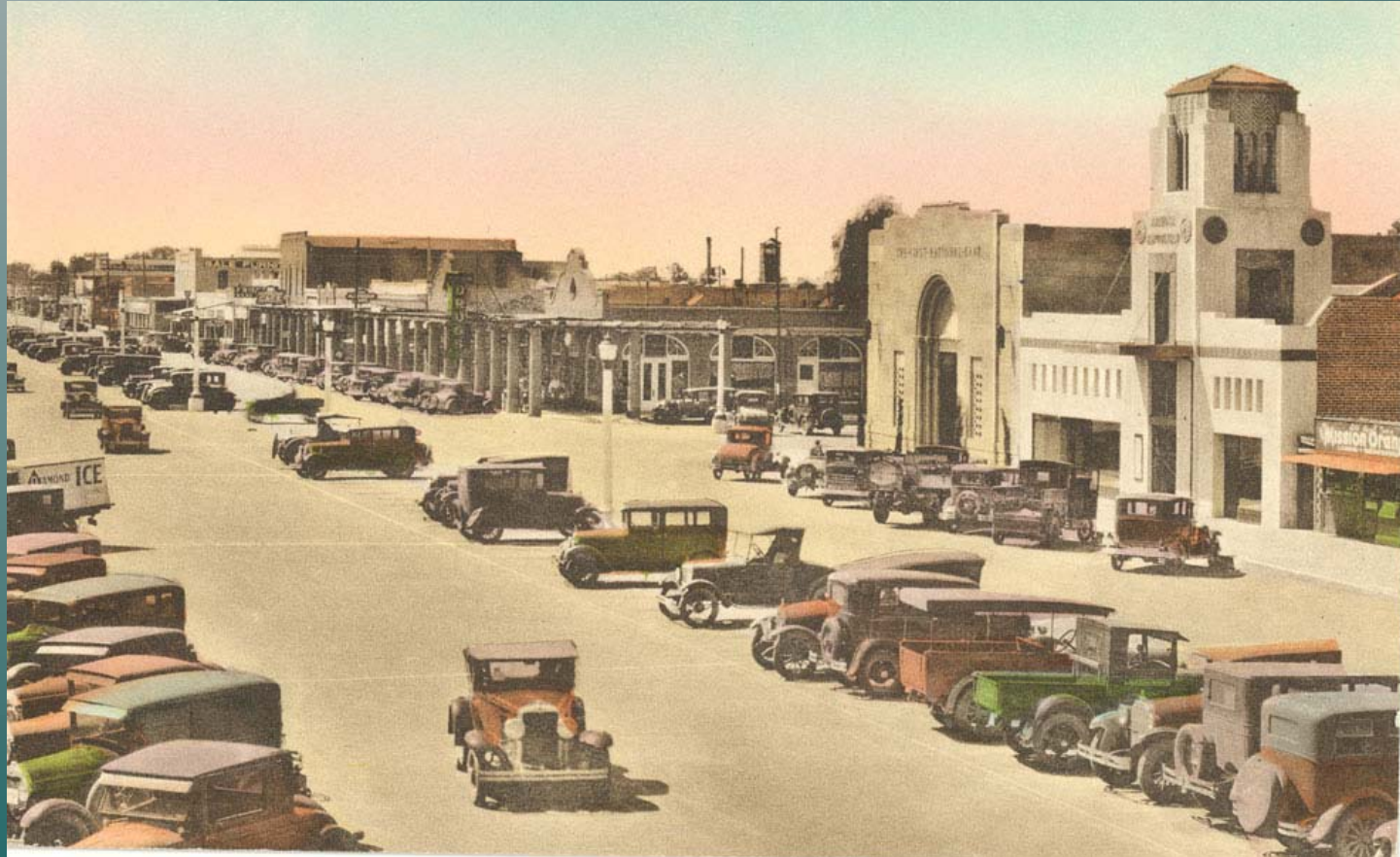


1920





# Downtown Mesa in the early 1920s



# Main Street around 1939





# Southern Pacific Depot ca. 1930



# The same site April 2003



# Lincoln School ca. 1920





# Lincoln School site April 2003



# Mesa Second Ward Church ca. 1908



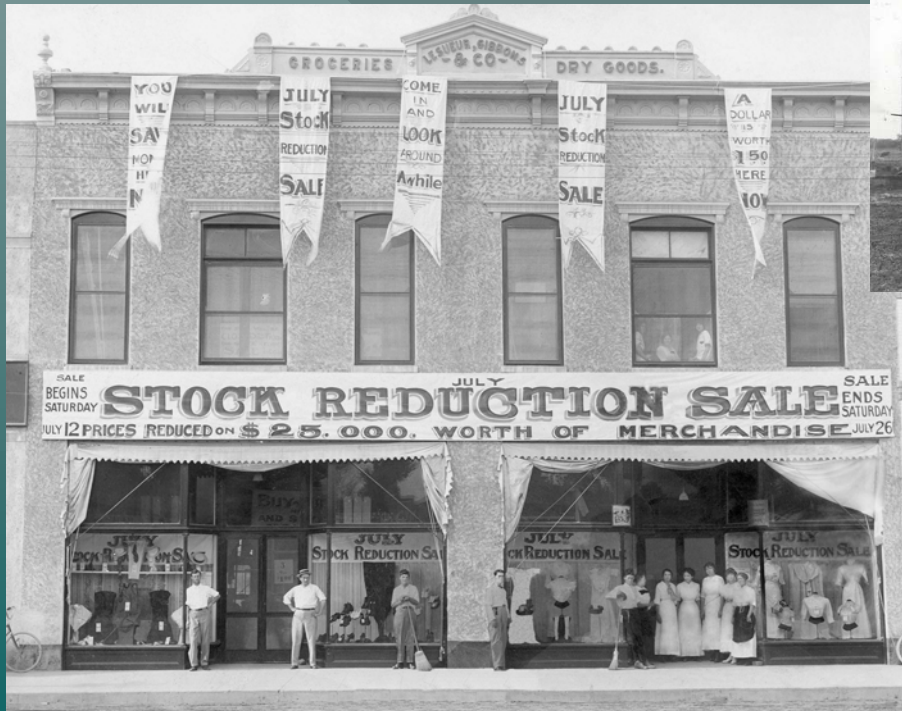
# Second Ward site April 2003





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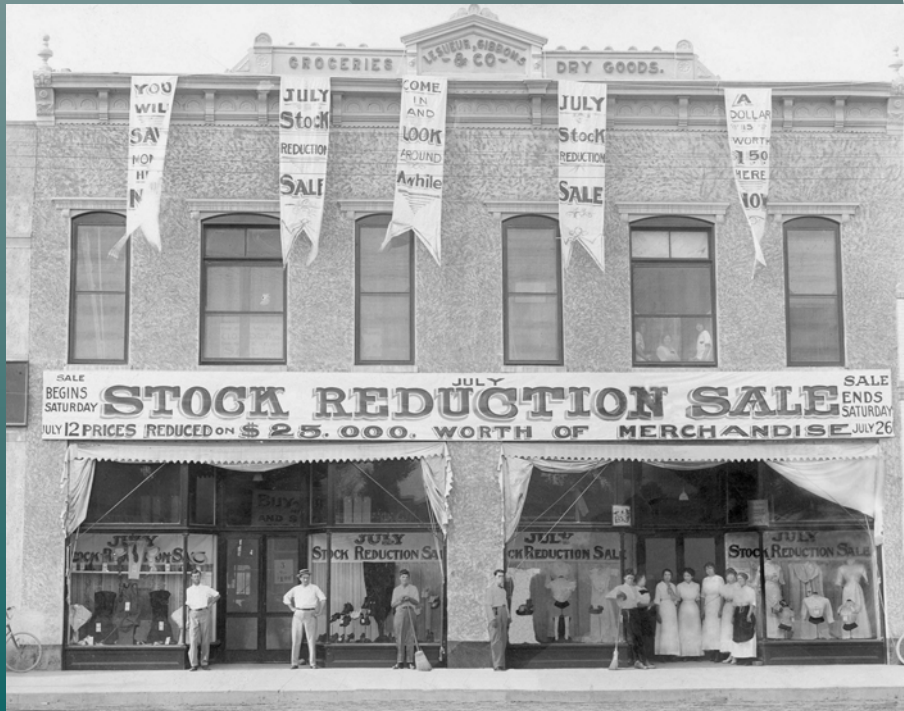
Mesa Ice Plant  
ca.. 1900



Lesueur Building

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# Dairy and Ice Co. ca. 1900



# Alma Ward Church ca. 1911



Alma Ward S.W. corner Main & Extension  
dedicated 1911

# Alma Ward Church April 2003





# Vance Aud./Mezona Hall 1908



# Mesa's Mezona Hall April 2003



# Mesa's first hospital, the Old Lesueur home ca. 1900





# Mesa City Hall/Fire Dept. ca. 1936



Franklin School ca. 1914 was located on Main St. in downtown Mesa.

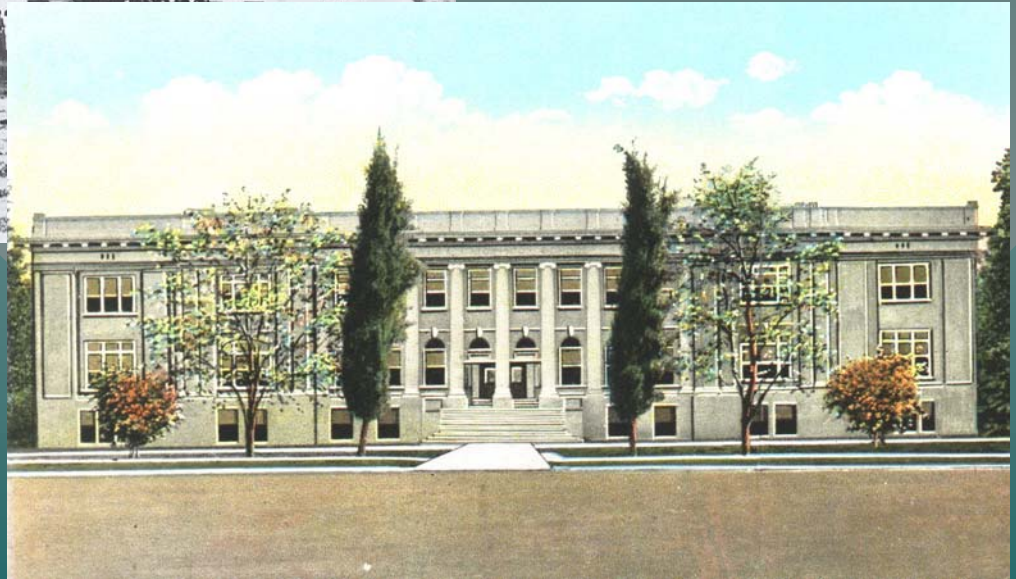
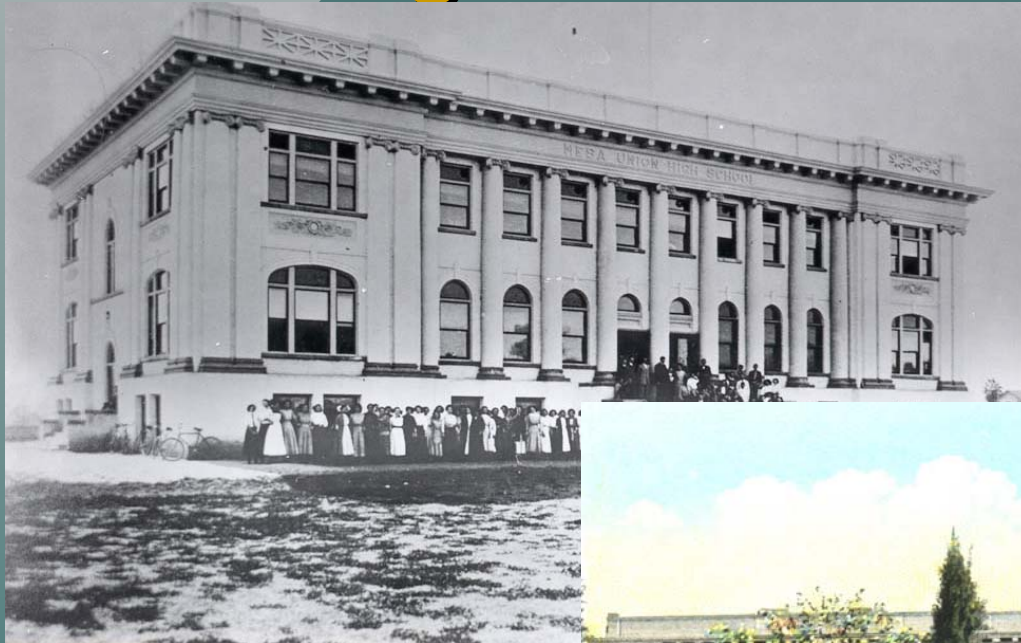


# Franklin School site April 2003





# Mesa High School ca. 1908

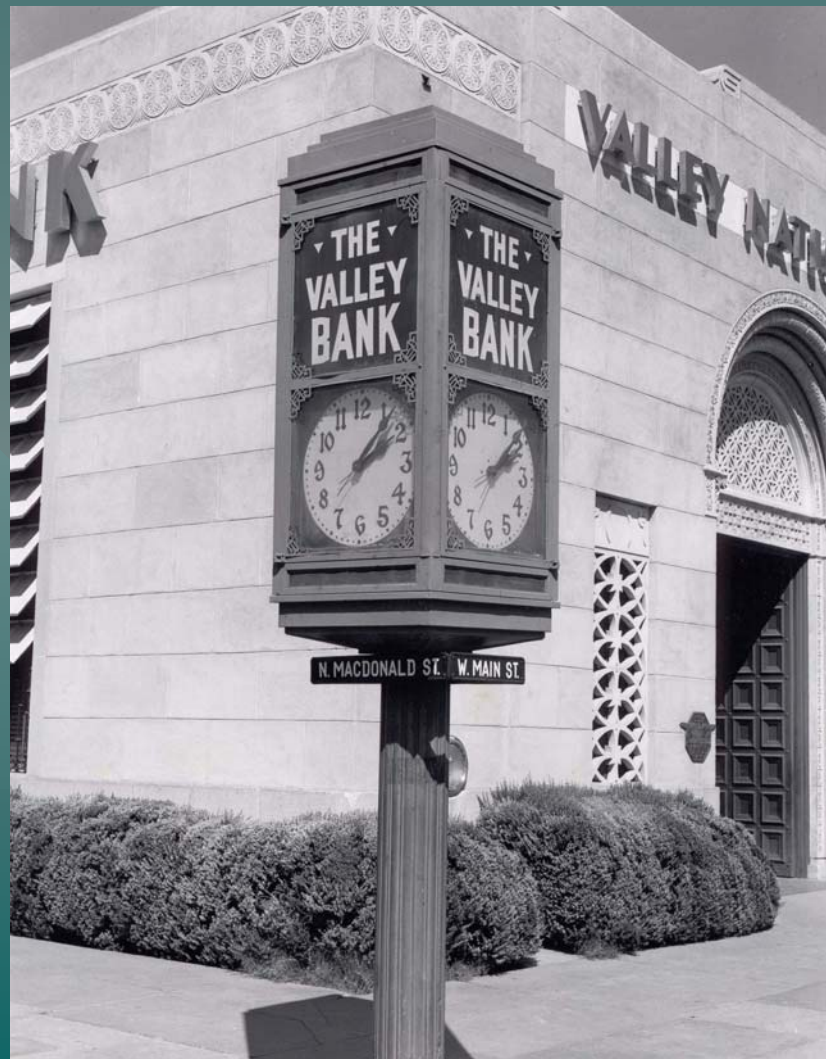




# Mesa HS. Site April 2003



# Valley National Bank ca. 1930



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# El Portal/Maricopa Inn ca. 1930





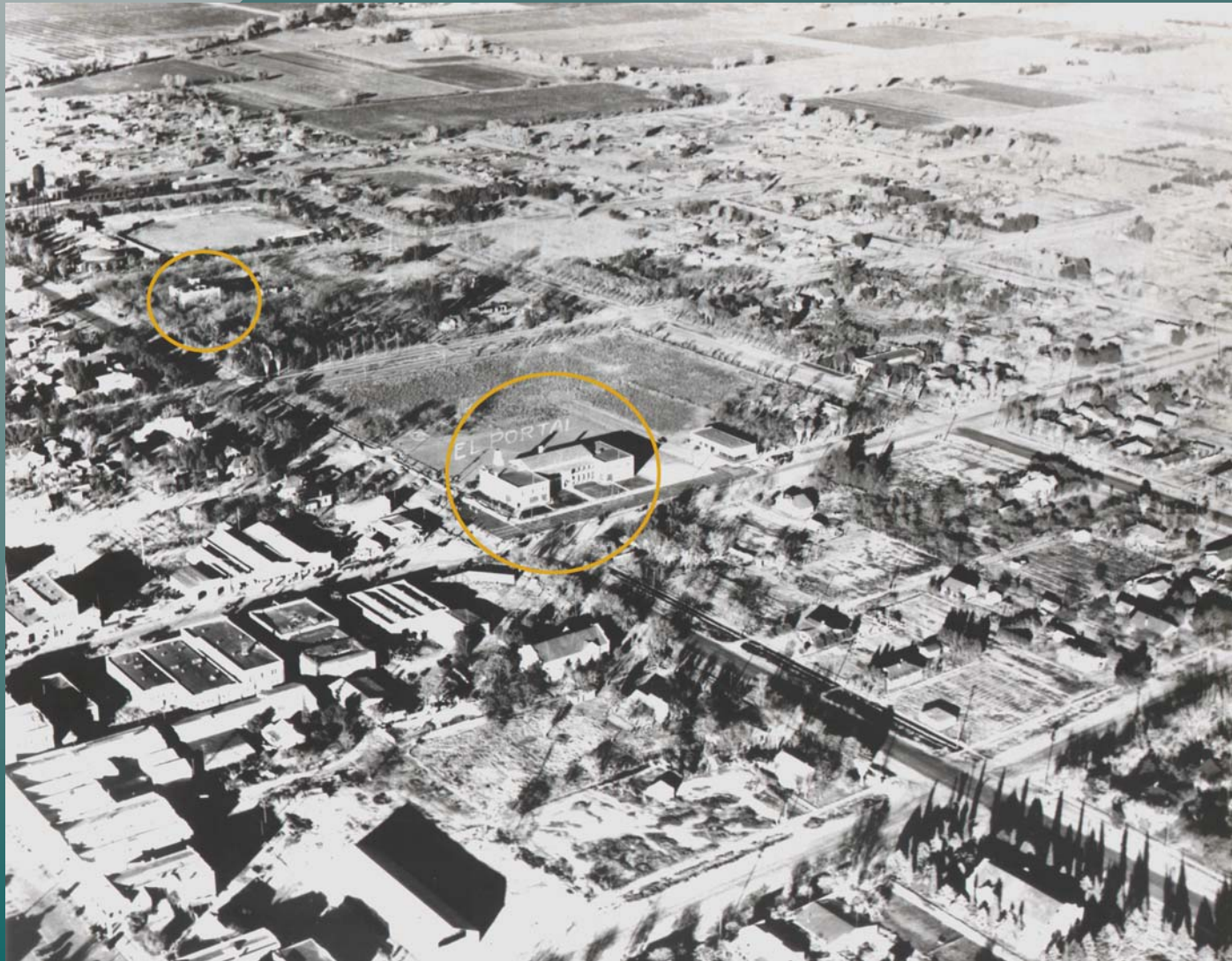
El Portal/Maricopa Inn ca. 1930

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# El Portal site April 2003

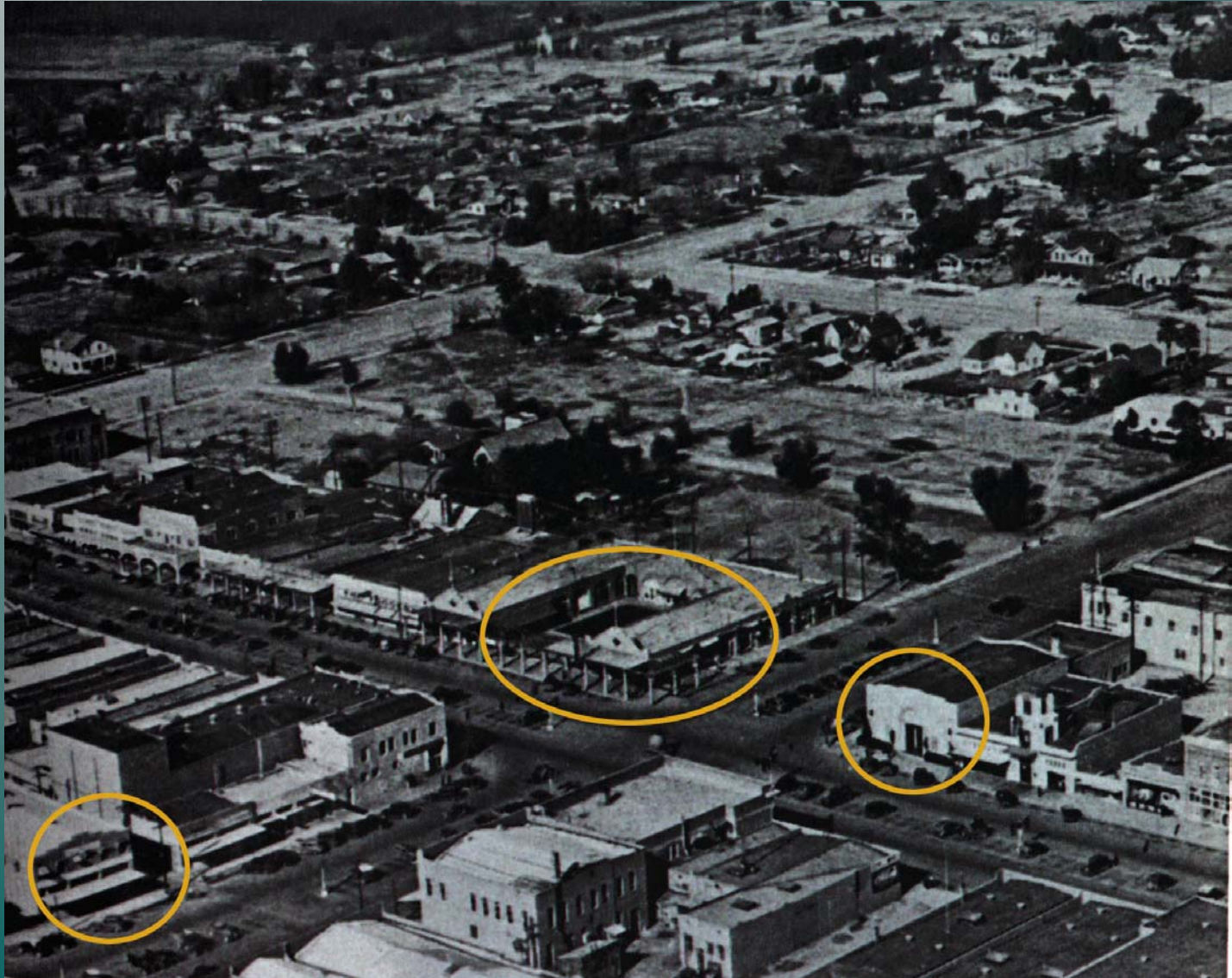


# Aerial view of Mesa ca. 1935





# Aerial photo Mesa ca. 1935





# Paul Sale Building ca. 1915



# Paul Sale Building April 2003

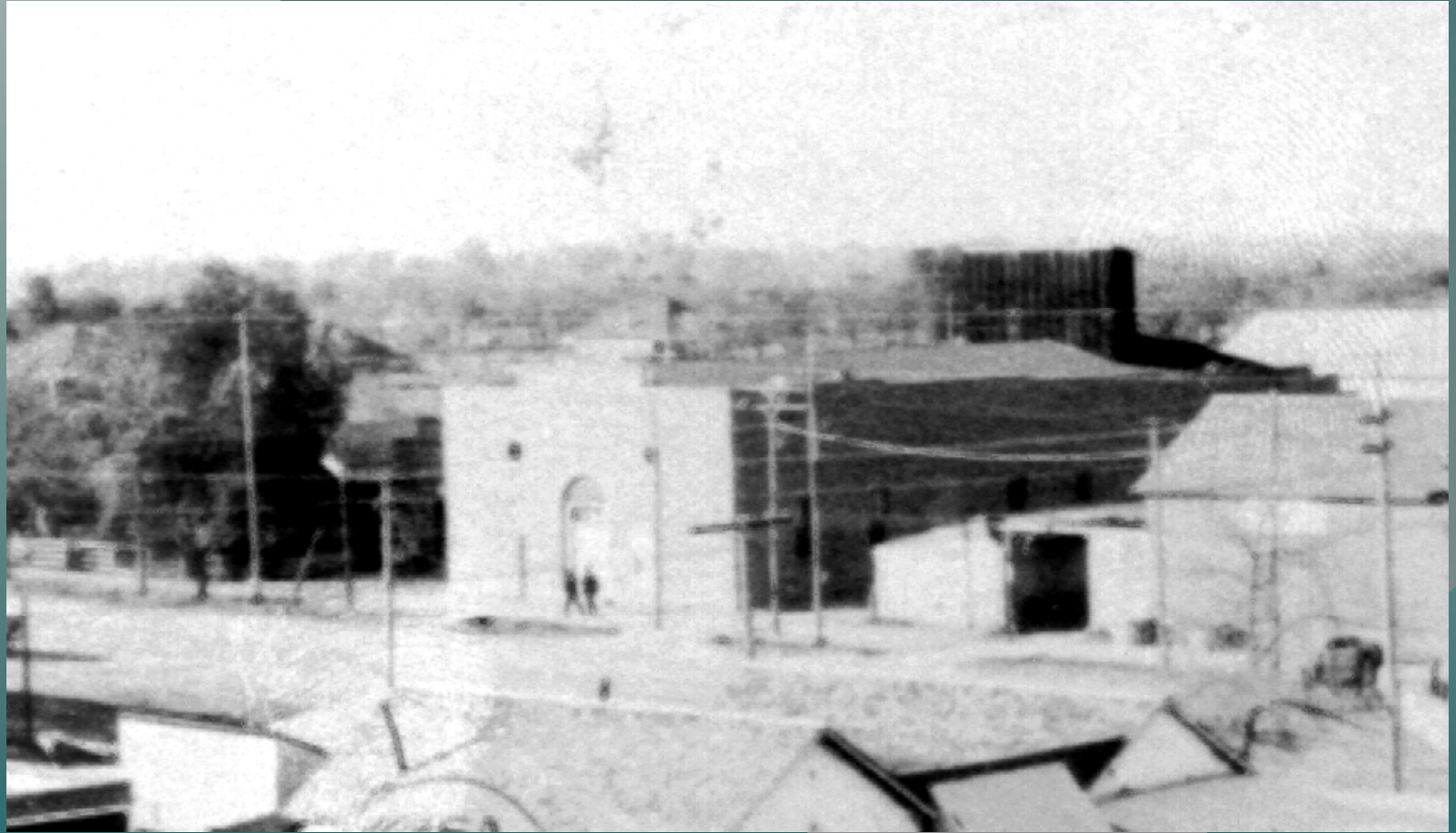


# Aerial View Buckhorn Baths ca. 1945





# Mesa Opera House ca. 1890





# Mesa Opera House April 2003



# Chandler Court ca. 1910

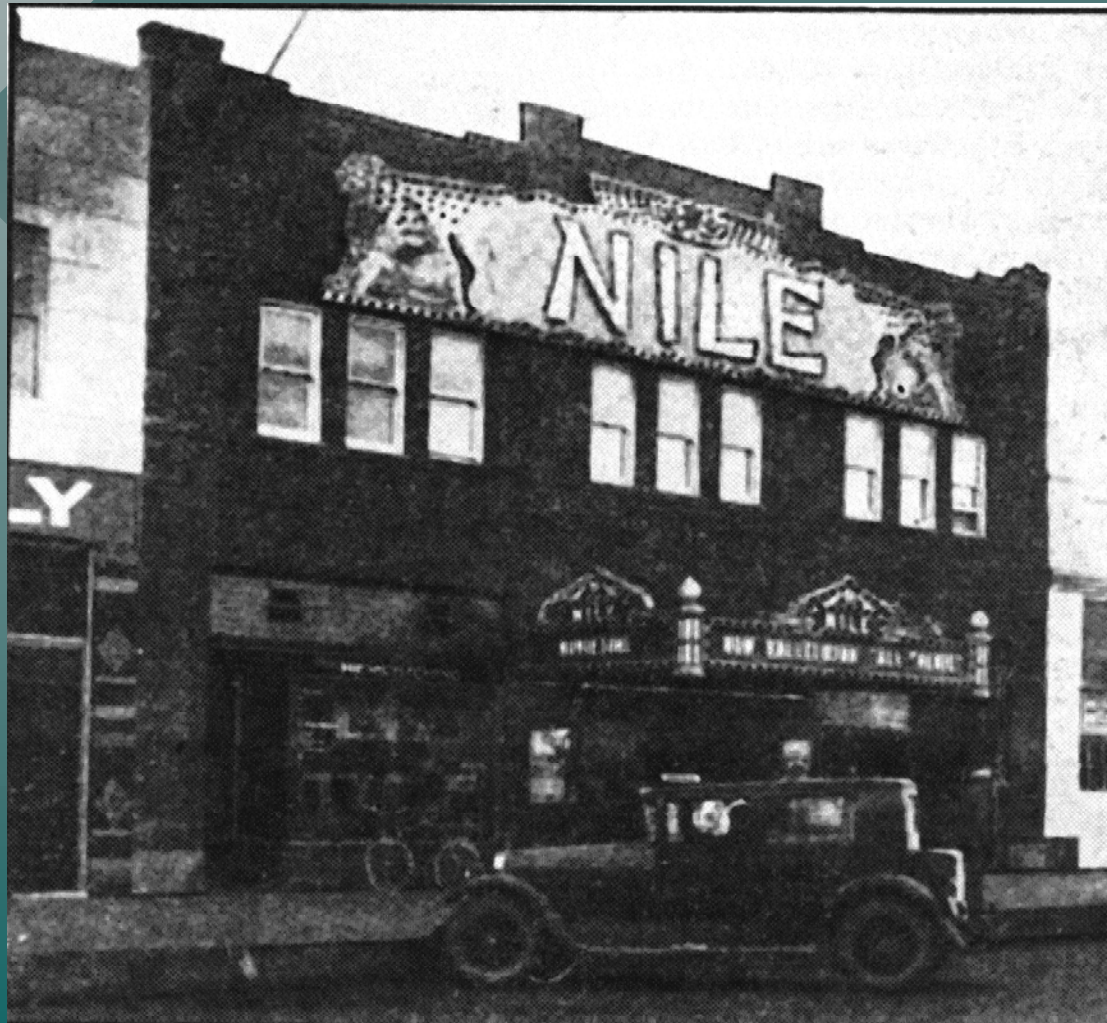


# Chandler Court April 2003





# The Nile Theater ca. 1928



# The Nile Theater April 2003



# Successes we can be proud of.





Some we have to watch.



# In Closing

- Threatened historic properties are like endangered species. Once they are gone they are gone forever. As with at risk animals only man can speak on their behalf. It is our responsibility to preserve our material history for future generations.
- Preservation saves history
- Preservation saves at risk old neighborhoods
- Preservation is good for the economy
- Reinvestment
- Utilizes local resources -- goods and labor
- Increases property values
- Preservation is good for the environment
- Recycles rather than replaces
- Preservation is unique. There is nothing else quite like living or working in
- When you think about it, historic preservation is much more than building



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